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stanchions enabling each respective side rail to be rotated about a longitudinal axis of each respective stanchion in a horizontal plane and each respective side rail to be pivoted at varying angles in a vertical plane, said connecting means including a first threaded stud outwardly projecting from a top end of said stanchions in substantially axial alignment therewith enabling each of said side rails to be rotatably mounted thereon at various angles, said side rails being pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles;

means for telescopically adjusting the length of each respective side rail enabling said temporary guardrail system to be adapted to dimensional features of different buildings under construction; and

means for selectively extending the vertical height of said guardrail system for employees performing specialized tasks requiring ladders and stilts adjacent thereto.

13. (Amended) The temporary guardrail system of Claim 12, further comprising swiveling means having a pair of studs arranged in parallel and spaced-apart relation, said studs being disposed in perpendicular relation to said axis of said stanchion enabling a pair of adjacent side rails to be mounted thereon and pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles for installation of said temporary guardrail system on inclines.

14. (Amended) The temporary guardrail system of Claim 12, wherein said connecting means for said side rails comprises at least one rail support collar attached to each of said side rails, said at least one rail support collar being

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disposed about said stanchion and having at least one threaded stud outwardly extending therefrom and being perpendicular to a center axis of said collar enabling said angulation means of said side rails to be fixedly mounted on said at least one threaded stud.

15. (Amended) The temporary guardrail system of Claim 14, further comprising angulation means positioned to cooperate with said side rails, wherein said angulation means comprises a mid-rail, swivel bracket disposed on said at least one threaded stud extending from said rail support collar, said mid-rail, swivel bracket including an elongated body member and further including swiveling means being adapted for pivoting movement in a plane parallel to the plane defining said elongated body member, said swiveling means of said mid-rail, swivel bracket including a threaded stud mounted in perpendicular relation to said axis of said stanchion enabling said side rails to be mounted thereon and pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles for installation of said temporary guardrail system on inclines.

16. (Amended) The temporary guardrail system of Claim 15, wherein said swiveling means of said mid-rail, swivel bracket includes a pair of threaded studs arranged in generally parallel, spaced-apart relation enabling a pair of said side rails to be mounted thereon and pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles for installation of said temporary guardrail system on inclines such as flights of stairs.

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17. (Amended) The temporary guard rail system of Claim 14, wherein a plurality of rail support collars are disposed about said stanchions at a pre-determined vertical location in an operative relationship between at least two rail stops.

18. (Amended) The temporary guardrail system of Claim 12, wherein said extending means includes a plurality of extension posts being adapted for sliding engagement about the outside diameter of said stanchions at upper ends thereof, said extension posts including connecting means so as to permit attachment of a plurality of vertically spaced side rails thereon enabling the vertical height of said temporary guard rail system to be selectively extended.

19. (Amended) The temporary guard rail system of Claim 12, wherein each respective stanchion is fixedly attached to a ground anchoring means for installation directly onto a ground surface.

20. (Amended) The temporary guard rail system of Claim 19, wherein said ground anchoring means is fabricated from a heavy gauge, corrugated sheet metal material that is adapted to receive a plurality of anchor pins therethrough for securing said ground anchoring means directly to the surface of the ground.

21. (Amended) The temporary guard rail system of Claim 12, wherein each respective stanchion is adapted for installation on a roof anchoring means fabricated from corrugated sheet metal.